

REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2004, in which a restriction requirement was imposed upon claims 1-18. In particular, the Office Action indicated that the claims are directed to the allegedly patentably distinct species shown in Fig. 3, 3A, 4 or 5. In response, Applicants hereby elect the species shown in Fig. 5. Each of claims 1-18 is readable upon the species shown in Fig. 5.

With this reply, claim 8 is amended to correct a typographical error and claims 34-70 are added. Each of added claims 34-70 is also readable upon the species shown in Fig. 5. Moreover, each of added claims 34-70 recite additional features which are further believed to be patentably distinct over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-18 and 34-70 are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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